

# Reds Plot to Win Guatemala!

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Counter agents who have been shadowing Guatemalan exiles in Mexico City, have turned in a detailed report to the Central Intelligence Agency giving names and details of a Red plot to overthrow the Guatemalan Government.

The report warns that the Moscow-minded rulers, who were driven out of Guatemala in 1955 by Col. Castillo Armas and a CIA-supported revolution, are conspiring to return to power.

"The Guatemalan political exiles," the report claims, "are trying to unite the sectors which are divided, namely, the followers of Juan Jose Arevalo and Jacobo Arbenz (the former pro Communist President); those which in Guatemala are partisans of Mario Mendez Montenegro."

SOME PLOTTERS were observed entering the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Mexico City on November 27.

"On Wednesday, November 27, a watchfulness was set up on Villamar Contreras (a Red-tainted Guatemalan exile)," says the report to the CIA. "At noon across from the Capitol Hotel, this individual met two persons apparently Europeans as well as a Guatemalan named Petiche. After this, all of them got into a taxi and

went toward the Czechoslovakian Embassy. The first to leave the legation was Petiche, the Guatemalan, who stayed 15 minutes in that house. Half an hour later Villamar Contreras went out. The Europeans remained inside."

Quoting an exile who had talked with Arevalo, the report said Arevalo "let him know that by the end of the current month (December), a revolt will break out in Guatemala, supported by Colonel Paz Tejada, Colonel Diaz, Colonel Monzon, and Colonel Pedro Meyer, who will assume the command of the Fifth Military Area of Quetzaltenango."

"CAPTAIN ALFONSO MARTINES ESTEVES . . . would break in Guatemala through Ayutla heading more than a thousand peasants and Revolorio Reyes with a similar force would help the movement."

"According to information I have, they are preparing actively in a place near Tapachula (on the Guatemalan frontier). The liaisons with the Guatemalan peasants are: Revolorio Reyes, Celada Crozo and Max Salazar. These persons receive watchwords from Mexico City through an individual named Ernesto Renero. The meeting places in Tapachula are: la pension Bonanpak, the house of Revolorio Reyes, the house of Celada Crozo and the newspaper El Sol Del Soconusco."

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